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LEVINGS, et al.

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METHODS

Examiner: J. Andres

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Palo Alto, California 94304

December 12, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office action dated July 15, 2002 (paper no. 4), Applicants submit the following response. Accompanying this response is a petition for a two-month extension of time and fee, thereby extending the time to respond from October 15, 2002 to December 16, 2002 (Dec. 15, 2002 is a Sunday).

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 14-34, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--T-regulatory cells have an important role in peripheral tolerance, but it has been difficult to isolate cells with suppressive activity in vitro and to define their mechanism of action. A CD4⁺ T-regulatory cell subset has been described which is able to suppress antigen-specific immune responses in vitro and in vivo. See, e.g.,